



## Minutes of the Farmland Conservation Easement Commission Meeting

**Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 203  
320 S. Main St.  
Jefferson, WI 53549**

**Monday, May 13, 2013, 12:30 pm**

Members: Margaret Burlingham (Chairperson), Amy Rinard (Vice-Chairperson), Mariah Hadler (Secretary), Steve Nass and Blane Poulson.

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Burlingham at 12:32 pm.
2. Roll Call  
Commission members present included Hadler, Burlingham, John Molinaro (ex-officio), Nass and Poulson. Member absent was Rinard. County staff present was Michelle Staff (Zoning Department) and Gerry Kokkonen (Land and Water Conservation Department.)
3. Certification of Compliance With Open Meetings Law Requirements  
Burlingham and Staff verified that the meeting was being held in compliance with open meetings law requirements.
4. Review of Agenda  
No changes were proposed to the agenda.
5. Public Comment  
No public comment.
6. Communications  
None
7. Review & Approval of the April 8, 2013 Minutes  
**Motion** made by Nass, seconded by Hadler to approve the April 8, 2013 minutes. **Motion** carried on a voice vote with no objection.
8. Discussion on the State Budget in Regards to AEAs and the PACE Program  
Burlingham attended a farmland workshop on April 25<sup>th</sup> presented by the Towns Association. Burlingham stated that the Governor is not going to address PACE funding at this time and would like to focus on the AEA zones. With that being said, the administration may entertain the idea of purchasing easements within the AEA zones but no funding is proposed at this time.
9. Discussion on interest forms received for the PACE program
  - a. Roger Lehmann  
The Commission will not move forward until all items of concern have been addressed. Burlingham will look into whether the hazard assessment can be completed before the appraisal.
  - b. Clifford Haberman

Burlingham stated that they could do an application for Haberman and NRCS will put it on file until monies are available. Burlingham will talk to Haberman and ask him if he is still interested in the program.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on 2011 PACE Applications

Wilke has not completed his manure runoff project to be complaint with NRCS standards. Once the project has been completed the Commission will move forward with his easement.

NRCS has completely changed the easement language for Neuperts. Atty Ristow is reviewing the new language and has sent it to Neupert to review.

11. Easement Donation from Rodell Lea, Town of Oakland

Lea stated that he would like to wait to donate.

12. Discussion on Possible Funding Sources for the PACE Program

There was discussion on other funding sources such as Ducks Unlimited, Fish and Wildlife, etc. There currently are no state monies but there possibility could be monies in the future in connection with AEA.

13. Discussion on Jefferson County Fair

14. Discussion on possible farmers' market events and summer event at the Lea farm, including meeting from April 22 with the student interns

Burlingham reported that the April 22 meeting with the students went extremely well. The students will be doing the Apple as the Earth demonstration; in addition, a Commission member will be present to answer any questions citizens may have about the easement program. Burlingham gave the Commission the dates available and the members picked days they would be available. In addition to the 5 farmers' markets, the Commission will be going to the Dairy Breakfast and County Fair. These summer events are leading to the October 5<sup>th</sup> event at the Lea farm. The Commission discussed the details of the supplies that will be needed for these events and who was to bring said supplies. There will be more discussion at the meeting scheduled for tonight. There will be a coupon for free ice cream at Lea's farm event given out at the farmers markets.

15. Future Meeting Dates

All meeting dates were acceptable to the Commission members.

16. Suggestions for the Next Agenda

None

17. Adjourn

**Motion** by Hadler, seconded by Nass to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 p.m. **Motion** carried on a voice vote with no objection.

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Secretary Signature

Date

Minutes by Michelle Staff, Zoning Technician, Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department